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CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the National Council of Teachers of English.

II. OBJECT

The object of the Council shall be to increase the effectiveness of school and college work in English.

III. OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT

The management of the affairs of the Council shall be vested in a Board of Directors and in the officers chosen by the Board of Directors.

The directors shall be chosen as follows: Each society of English teachers having collective membership in the Council shall select one or more persons to act as directors in accordance with the bona fide membership of the society on December 1 of the given year. Societies in class C shall be entitled to select one director; societies in class B, two directors; and societies in class A, three directors. In addition the members of the Council shall select nine directors at large, not more than two of whom shall reside in any one state. Each director shall be elected for a term of three years, beginning with December 1, provided that in putting this amendment into force such steps shall be taken as will cause approximately one-third of the directors from the most widely distributed geographical points possible to go out of office each year, and provided further that a reasonable effort shall be made to maintain a proportionate representation on the Board of all classes and grades of schools and higher institutions of learning.

The directors shall choose annually from their own number a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary-treasurer, and an auditor, who shall serve in these capacities both in the Council and on the Board. Except in so far as the Council may by vote limit its powers, the Board of Directors shall have full authority to manage the business and the properties of the Council, to fill vacancies in offices and committees, to make all necessary arrangements for meetings and for procuring of speakers, and to appropriate funds from the net balance in the treasury in payment for any services, rents, publications, or other expenses

properly incurred in carrying out the work of the Council. But neither the Council nor any officer or committee shall contract any indebtedness exceeding the net balance then remaining in the treasury. Requisitions must be signed by the secretary and the chairman of the Executive Committee.

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the secretary at the direction of the president or at the request of seven members of the Board. Nine members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

The Board of Directors shall appoint from their own number, for a term of two years each, two members, who, with the officers of the Council, shall constitute the Executive Committee. This committee shall direct the work of the Council under the general policy determined by the Board of Directors. The terms of the two members chosen shall be so arranged that one new appointment shall be made each year. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

IV. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The annual meeting of the Council shall be held at such place and time as the Executive Committee shall designate. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee, or by petition, filed with the secretary, of 10 per cent of the membership of the Council.

V. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Council shall be of three kinds: individual, collective, and associate. Teachers and supervisors of teaching in active service shall be eligible to individual membership. Associations of teachers having written constitutions approved by the Board of Directors of the National Council shall be eligible to collective membership. Persons who are not teachers or supervisors of teaching, but who are in sympathy with the purposes of the Council, shall be eligible to associate membership. Only individual members of the Council shall have the right to vote or hold office.

Candidates for membership shall be passed upon by a Membership Committee of three, appointed by the Executive Committee. A unanimous vote of the Membership Committee shall be necessary for the election of a candidate.

The annual dues of the individual and associate membership shall be \$2.00, payable in advance at the beginning of the fiscal year. The annual dues for associations of English teachers in class C, having not over fifty members, shall be \$2.50; for associations in class B, having

over fifty but not over one hundred and fifty, shall be \$5.00; and for associations in class A, having over one hundred and fifty members, shall be \$10.00. All individual and associate members shall be entitled to receive the publications of the Council without extra charge.

The fiscal year shall begin December 1.

VI. RESIGNATIONS

Resignations must be made in writing and sent to the secretary of the Council not later than January 1 in any fiscal year.

Members whose dues are not paid for the current fiscal year and who do not send in a written resignation by or before January 1, provided two notices, at least, that the dues are payable have been mailed to such members, shall be dropped from the Council.

VII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Council, provided that at least one month's notice be given to each member of the nature of any proposed amendment or addition, such notice to be sent upon the order of the Executive Committee.

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